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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 3 Percent From Last Year

On March 1, 2013, Arizona had 270,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 9,000 head from a year ago and down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 23,000 head during February, 2,000 head less than a year ago. During February 27,000 head were marketed, an increase of 6,000 head from last year.

On March 1, 2013, California had 480,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 20,000 head from last year, but remained the same as last month. Placements totaled 48,000 head during February, down 2,000 head from last year. During February, 46,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 7,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on March 1, 2013. The inventory was 7 percent below March 1, 2012.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.48 million, 14 percent below 2012. Net placements were 1.42 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, and 700-799 pounds were 407,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 450,000. Placements are the lowest for February since the series began in 1996.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.64 million, 7 percent below 2012.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 35 percent below 2012.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2012-2013

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed During February			Number Marketed During February			Other Disappearance During February 2/		
	Mar. 1, 2012	Feb 1, 2013	March 1, 2013											
			Number	as % of 2012	as % of Feb	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	1,000 Head			*Percent*		*1,000 Head*		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*	*1,000 Head*		*Percent*
AZ	**279**	**275**	**270**	**97**	**98**	**25**	**23**	**92**	**21**	**27**	129	**1**	**1**	100
CA	500	480	480	96	100	50	48	96	53	46	87	2	2	100
CO	1,090	1,010	990	91	98	165	160	97	200	170	85	15	10	67
ID	230	225	225	98	100	37	36	97	41	35	85	1	1	100
IA	670	640	640	96	100	85	71	84	62	68	110	3	3	100
KS	2,200	2,110	2,050	93	97	370	295	80	385	345	90	15	10	67
NE	2,570	2,470	2,430	95	98	410	350	85	390	380	97	20	10	50
OK	340	325	305	90	94	48	37	77	61	55	90	2	2	100
SD	260	225	230	88	102	47	45	96	45	39	87	2	1	50
TX	2,840	2,620	2,550	90	97	380	340	89	415	395	95	25	15	60
WA	233	234	233	100	100	41	35	85	32	34	106	3	2	67
Other Sts	465	459	454	98	99	56	42	75	50	44	88	4	3	75
US	11,677	11,073	10,857	93	98	1,714	1,482	86	1,755	1,638	93	93	60	65

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.
2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

February Milk Production down 3.4 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 3.4 percent from February 2012. However, production was 0.1 percent above last year after adjusting for the leap year. January revised production at 15.9 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from January 2012. The January revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,722 pounds for February, 58 pounds below February 2012.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.50 million head, 13,000 head less than February 2012, but 2,000 head more than January 2013.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, February 2012-2013

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	Percent change from 2012
	1,000 Head		*Pounds*		*Million Pounds*		*Percent*
AZ	**192**	**190**	**2,060**	**1,940**	**396**	**369**	**-6.8**
CA	1,784	1,782	1,965	1,810	3,506	3,225	-8
CO	133	135	1,865	1,865	248	252	1.6
FL	122	122	1,720	1,655	210	202	-3.8
ID	581	579	1,800	1,730	1,046	1,002	-4.2
IL	100	100	1,630	1,600	163	160	-1.8
IN	176	175	1,740	1,735	306	304	-0.7
IA	205	204	1,760	1,730	361	353	-2.2
KS	124	132	1,725	1,680	214	222	3.7
MI	374	377	1,875	1,870	701	705	0.6
MN	465	465	1,580	1,565	735	728	-1
MO	93	93	1,215	1,160	113	108	-4.4
NM	335	322	1,985	1,985	665	639	-3.9
NY	610	610	1,730	1,695	1,055	1,034	-2
OH	270	271	1,610	1,590	435	431	-0.9
OR	123	123	1,600	1,570	197	193	-2
PA	541	534	1,570	1,560	849	833	-1.9
TX	436	435	1,835	1,740	800	757	-5.4
UT	91	89	1,690	1,620	154	144	-6.5
VT	133	134	1,535	1,500	204	201	-1.5
VA	96	94	1,510	1,460	145	137	-5.5
WA	263	264	1,895	1,820	498	480	-3.6
WI	1,266	1,270	1,700	1,700	2,152	2,159	0.3
23-State Total	8,513	8,500	1,780	1,722	15,153	14,638	-3.4

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2013 was 65.9 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2012, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.83 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2012-February 2013 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2012. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, up 1 percent from 2012. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.08 for the December-February period, compared to 9.97 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.96 million sows farrow during the March-May 2013 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2012, but up 1 percent from 2011. Intended farrowings for June-August 2013, at 2.91 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2012, and down 1 percent from 2011.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

Red Meat Production Down From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.67 billion pounds in February, down 6 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in February 2012.

Beef production, at 1.87 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.36 million head, down 8 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,320 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.0 million pounds, 9 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59,600 head, down 1 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was down 18 pounds from last year, at 258 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.78 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.59 million head, down 5 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was down 7 percent from February 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,700 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, down 7 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2013 commercial red meat production was 8.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2012. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	February 2013 as % of 2/	
				February 2012	January 2012
	Million Pounds			*Percent*	
Arizona 3/					
Total Red Meat	**30.7**	**32.2**	**29.8**	**97**	**93**
United States					
Beef	2,008.9	2,260.0	1,873.6	93	83
Veal	9.8	10.5	9.0	91	86
Pork	1,883.0	2,065.5	1,778.9	94	86
Lamb and Mutton	12.3	12.4	11.5	93	93
Total Red Meat	3,914.1	4,348.3	3,672.9	94	84

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.
2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.
3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January – February 2013 1/

Species	**Arizona**			United States		
	January - February			January - February		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight	Average Live Weight
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	**83.1**	**108,668**	**1,312**	5,193.6	6,860,426	1,324
Hogs	**0.2**	**54**	**253**	18,554.2	5,132,519	277

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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March Farm Prices Received Index Up 3 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 202 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (1.5 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 5 points (2.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, corn, and eggs and lower prices for hogs, milk, wheat, and onions. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of strawberries, corn, broilers, and milk offset the decreased marketing of cattle, soybeans, cotton, and hay.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 18 points (9.8 percent) from March 2012. The Food Commodities Index, at 185, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from last month and is 13 points (7.6 percent) higher than March 2012.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 221 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from February but 8 points (3.8 percent) above March 2012. Higher prices in March for nitrogen, feed grains, mixed fertilizer, and supplements offset lower prices for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, potash & phosphate, and diesel.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2012 February	2013 January	2013 February
Prices Received	184	199	202
Prices Paid	213	221	221
Ratio 1/	86	90	91

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, March 2012 and 2013 and February 2013

Commodity	Unit	March-12 Entire Month	Feb-13 Entire Month	March-13 Mid-Month
Arizona				
Upland Cotton	$ Lb	**1/**	**0.718**	**1/**
Cottonseed 2/	$ Ton	**1/**	**1/**	**1/**
Durum Wheat	$ Bu	**1/**	**1/**	**1/**
Alfalfa Hay 3/	$ Ton	**260.00**	**200.00**	**220.00**
All Milk 5/	$ Cwt	**16.50**	**18.60**	**18.40**
United States				
Upland Cotton	$ Lb	0.900	0.753	0.746
Cottonseed 2/	$ Ton	1/	217.00	1/
Durum Wheat	$ Bu	8.39	8.19	8.05
Alfalfa Hay 3/	$ Ton	200.00	218.00	219.00
Lemons 4/	$ Box	35.00	29.30	28.70
Cows 6/	$ Cwt	84.20	80.80	82.90
Steers & Heifers	$ Cwt	132.00	127.00	128.00
Beef Cattle 7/	$ Cwt	128.00	123.00	125.00
Calves	$ Cwt	184.00	167.00	163.00
All Milk 5/	$ Cwt	17.20	19.50	19.10

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Marketing year August – February.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ F.O.B. packed fresh box weights: Lemons – 80 lbs.

5/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

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